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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby submit a copy of a European Search Report that was mailed on July 12, 2004, with respect to patent family member European Patent Application No. EP 04 00 6295 in which the following documents were cited:

(1) European Patent Application Publication No, EP 0 516 519, which was published on December 2, 1992, and is cited as a category "D" (discussed in the present application) and a category "A" (technological background) document with particular reference being made to the entire document, with regard to claims 1, 3, 5, and 10 of the European Patent Application. Applicants note that this document is cited on at least page 1 of the specification of the present application.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's Attention its patent family member, U.S. Patent No. 5,282,576 to CHATENET et al., which issued on February 1, 1994;

(2) Russian Patent Application Publication No. RU 2 044 150, which was published on September 20, 1995, and is cited as a category "A" (technological background) document with particular reference being made to figures 1-3, with regard to claims 1 and 3-5 of the European Patent Application;

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(4) European Patent Application Publication No, EP 0 661 436, which was published on July 5, 1995, and is cited as a category "A" (technological background) document with particular reference being made to figures 3 and 8-10, with regard to claims 1, 2, 11, and 12 of the European Patent Application.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention its patent family member, U.S. Patent No. 5,641,123 to KISHIMOTO et al., which issued on June 24, 1997.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

(5) U.S. Patent No. 4,313,567 to FEIGHT, which issued on February 2, 1982. Applicants note that this document is cited on at least page 2 of the specification of the present application; and

(6) U.S. Patent No. 4,383,407 to INMAN, which issued on May 17, 1983.

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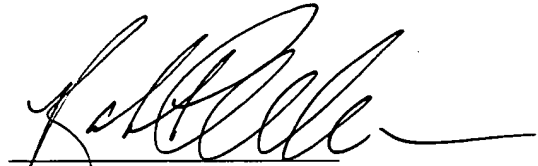
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Respectfully submitted,

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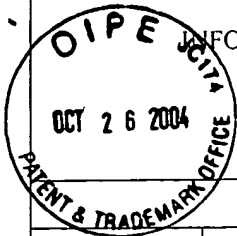


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